



SANDERSTEAD DRAMATIC CLUB'S
85TH TRADITIONAL FAMILY PANTOMIME

ROBIN HOOD

SOUVENIR PROGRAMME £2.00

11th - 18th January 2025

All Saints Church Hall, Onslow Gardens, Sanderstead

OUR SHOW – ROBIN HOOD

For our 2025 pantomime, we visit the well-known legend of Robin Hood and his Merry Men.

In the world of pantomime, Robin's story is very often combined with that of the 'Babes in the Wood' even though they are, reputedly, set miles apart; the babes' story in Wayland Wood in Norfolk and Robin's in Sherwood Forest in Nottingham.

Our version of Robin Hood is no exception to this, as Robin has to rescue the 'babes' from the depths of the forest and from the clutches of their wicked uncle, the Sheriff of Nottingham.

And all whilst battling the said Sheriff in order to stop the oppression of the poor and help prevent the usurping of King Richard's throne by his brother, Prince John. Whether he will succeed will be revealed as you sit back and enjoy the show.

John Desbottes - Director

Photos from Robin Hood 2011



THE PRODUCTION TEAM

John Desbottes - Director

John has been involved in SDC for many, many years both backstage and on stage and also in the director's chair. He was last seen on stage as King Rat in last year's 'Dick Whittington', and not wanting to have to learn any lines, this year he has returned to directing duties and has enjoyed working with all the wonderful cast.



Mandy Grace - Choreographer

Mandy appeared in SDC pantomimes from 1996 to 1999 in the senior chorus. She is now Principal of the Dance With Grace school of dance and drama in New Addington. As well as choreographing the children from her dance school, she has enjoyed the challenge of teaching the main cast to vaguely look like they know what they are doing...



Catherine Nicholson - Musical Director

This is Catherine's 2nd year as SDC's musical director. She loved working with cast and crew last year so she's very excited to be back, as panto is so addictive! She runs her own music academy including a 100 strong children's choir. Catherine has loved performing with some of her pupils and working with her assistant musical director, Hannah! She hopes to be back next year if she avoids any arrows flying her way...



THE CAST *(in order of appearance)*

Dave Sawyer – Ruff

Dave is once again back on the stage as part of the not-so-bright twosome Ruff & Tumbel trying to do what the Sheriff wants. Will they manage to carry out what's to be done? Who knows?



Gareth Thomas – Sheriff of Nottingham

Having been in his last panto 18 years ago, Gareth is thrilled to be playing the part of the Sheriff of Nottingham. He says that it's a great excuse to be nasty to the children! Although it is the first time Gareth has been in a SDC panto he has made many new friends and is looking forward to being booed and jeered by you!



Lucinda Roberts – Milly

This is Lucinda's 2nd pantomime with SDC. Last year she was Dick Whittington's faithful companion Tommy the cat. This year she is very excited to have a speaking role. As well as being on stage acting, Lucinda also loves singing & dancing. She also enjoys doing lots of extra curricular clubs such as rugby and animation club at her secondary school.



Ruby Wade – Milly

Ruby started dancing and performing with Dance with Grace at the age of 4. She has performed in many pantomimes with SDC and two musicals with WWOS at the Churchill Theatre. Although her passion is to dance, she is thrilled for this opportunity to play Milly alongside her best friend cast as Billy.



Eileen Slingsby – Billy

This is Eileen's second pantomime performance with SDC after last year as Mini Rat in 'Dick Whittington'. She is excited to take on a bigger part this year and continue to hone her skills. Eileen is an experienced member of Stagecoach Croydon having trained and performed with them since 2019. She dreams of making it on the West End or the big-screen!



Amélie Chandler – Billy

Amélie's delighted to be back in panto for a second year. She loves the excitement of performing, banter backstage and fun at rehearsals. She's particularly looking forward to having a pillow fight on stage with her best friend Ruby! Amélie is enjoying the challenge of learning lines after playing Tommy the cat last year.



Gordon Drayson – Annie

This year marks Gordon's 19th panto with SDC, and his second as the dame. He first joined SDC in 1988 as a teenager and has worked his way through most of the panto characters. He very much enjoys being the dame and all the fun that comes with the role. He has loved rehearsals with such a fun cast and hopes you can help him keep the children's money safe.



Connie Goswell – Maid Marian

Connie is excited to return to pantoland as Maid Marian this year. She has loved the music and hopes she can bring smiles to all your faces. The real question is, will Maid Marian escape the clutches of the Sheriff and marry the charming Robin Hood?



Philippa Lucas – Robin Hood

This is Philippa's second Sanderstead panto on stage having musical directed three pantos for the group. By day, she is a music teacher at the BRIT School and has loved having students in her panto bands. This year, she is enjoying playing a man and wearing fishnet tights. Enjoy the show!

**Richard Seagroatt – Friar Tuck**

Richard can usually be found backstage pushing scenery around. However, this year he has been promoted and is looking forward to playing Friar Tuck and enjoying all the sweets and food he now has to eat.

**Ernie McGirr – Will Scarlett**

Ernie is back for his fifth panto with Sanderstead and is looking forward to getting into green tights, even if he didn't quite get the hero part, again. It is a really good group of people in this panto and it makes the rehearsals so much fun, especially learning the dance routines.

**Ian Caldecourt – Little John**

Ian returns to Sanderstead for his 4th panto playing the aptly named Little John. His cunning plan of walking around the stage with a 6ft staff to keep him out of the dances hasn't worked as well as he first hoped! Ian has had a great time working with the wonderful cast and crew.

**Alfie Stevenson – Much, Miller's Son**

This is Alfie's first production with Sanderstead Dramatic Company, he is really excited to play the role of Much. Alfie has previously been in the ensemble in 'Anything Goes' at The Barn Theatre in Oxted. He is looking forward to becoming one of Robin Hood's merry men and is excited for all of the performances.

**Mae-Lynn Blamires – Much the Miller's Son**

This is Mae-Lynn's first amateur dramatic performance with Sanderstead Dramatic Club. It has allowed her to gain valuable knowledge and experience for her future. She hopes to pursue a career in musical theatre.

**Dot Reid – Alan-a-Dale**

Dot, after a change of heart, has returned to the cast of panto! She has very much enjoyed her role but is not sure why she was cast as a musician as she can't play a note!! She would like to congratulate everyone on another great show.

**Christine Woodhead – Tumbel**

This is Christine's first panto with SDC and she has thoroughly enjoyed herself - oh yes she has! Christine can usually be found performing and directing for ATG in Warlingham, where she has just appeared in 'Dracula - the Bloody Truth'. But hopefully this won't be her last appearance with SDC.



CAST

(in order of appearance)

Ruff **Dave Sawyer**
Sheriff of Nottingham **Gareth Thomas**
Milly **Lucinda Roberts and Ruby Wade***
Billy **Eileen Slingsby and Amélie Chandler***
Annie **Gordon Drayson**
Maid Marian **Connie Goswell**
Robin Hood **Philippa Lucas**
Friar Tuck **Richard Seagroatt**
Will Scarlett **Ernie McGirr**
Little John **Ian Caldecourt**
Much, The Miller's Son **Mae-Lynn Blamires and Alfie Stevenson***
Alan-a-Dale **Dot Reid**
Tumbel **Christine Woodhead**

Chorus

**Jess Bailey, Ima Bojko, Olivia Catley, Katie Dauris, Jess Grace,
Emily Hartfield, Sophie Oziminska, Jemma Rapley, Megan Wood**

Childrens Teams

Team Milly *

**Sophie Bashford, Amelia Frost, Evie Greenaway, Amber Hartfield,
Summer Richardson, Hudson Saunders, Piper Saunders, Lily Wade**
Sat 11th 6pm, Sun 12th 2pm, Tue 14th, Thur 16th, Sat 18th 2pm

Team Billy

**Mia Bojko, Lilah-Rose Gray, Layla Hook, Emma Mahoney, Ruby
Marchant, Lily-Rose Mckinley, Bonnie Mouchi-Whipp, Renee Williams**
Sat 11th 2pm, Sun 12th 6pm, Wed 15th, Fri 17th, Sat 18th 6pm

SCENES

Act 1

Scene 1 - **Nottingham Town**
Scene 2 - **Here and There in Nottingham**
Scene 3 - **A Castle Bedroom**
Scene 4 - **Near Nottingham**
Scene 5 - **The Castle Grounds**

There will be an interval of 15 minutes

Act 2

Scene 6 - **Robin's Hideout**
Scene 7 - **A Path in Sherwood**
Scene 8 - **Deep in Sherwood Forest**
Scene 9 - **Near Robin's Hideout**
Scene 10 - **The Castle Courtyard**
Scene 11 - **Back in the Castle**
Scene 12 - **Robin's Hideout**



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TEAM MILLY

Evie Greenaway, Sophie Bashford, Hudson Saunders, Amelia Frost
Amber Hartfield, Piper Saunders, Summer Richardson, Lily Wade



TEAM BILLY

Renee Williams, Lilah-Rose Gray, Lily-Rose Mckinley, Ruby Marchant*
Emma Mahoney, Mia Bojko, Bonnie Mouchi-Whipp, Layla Hook*

CHORUS & CHILDREN'S TEAMS

Dancers from Dance With Grace, Chorus - every performance

Team Milly - Sat 11th 6pm, Sun 12th 2pm, Tue 14th, Thur 16th, Sat 18th 2pm

Team Billy - Sat 11th 2pm, Sun 12th 6pm, Wed 15th, Fri 17th, Sat 18th 6pm

* Not pictured



Jess Bailey



Ima Bojko



Olivia Catley



Katie Dauris



Jess Grace



Emily Hartfield



Sophie Oziminska



Jemma Rapley



Megan Wood

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PRODUCTION CREW

Director **John Desbottes**
Production Assistant **Charlene Edwards**
Choreography **Mandy Grace**
Musical Director **Catherine Nicholson**
Assistant to MD. **Hannah Chandler**
Drummer / Percussion **Josh Birmingham**
Pianist **Millie Longman**
Pianist **Catherine Nicholson**
Written by **John Desbottes**
Additional Material **Andy Nicholson**

Set Design & Painting **Chris Bryan, Frankie Garton-Adams
and Andy Nicholson**
Scenery Manager **John Desbottes**
Assisted By **Tim Crump, Barry Goswell, Ernie McGirr
Barry Nicholson and John Shepherd**
Costumes **Catherine Roberts and Andrew Roberts**

Prompt **Theo Spring**
Lighting **Paul Hornsby and Andrew Grant**
Sound **Tim Crump**
Stage Manager **Karen Weeks**
Assistant Stage Manager **Andy Nicholson**
Stage Crew **Members and Friends of SDC**

Front of House Managers **Barry Nicholson and Gordon Burnett**
Box Office **John Desbottes**
Poster & Programme **Gordon Drayson**

PREVIOUS SDC PANTOMIMES

1932	Aladdin	1982	Jack and the Beanstalk
1933	Babes in The Beeches	1983	Dick Whittington
1934	Jack and the Beanstalk	1984	Aladdin
1935	The Sleeping Beauty	1985	Robin Hood
1936	Dick Whittington	1986	Wizard of Oz
1937	Babes in the Wood	1987	Robinson Crusoe
1938	Aladdin	1988	Goldilocks and the Three Bears
1939	Jack and Jill	1989	Mother Goose
1947	The Tailor of Gloucester	1990	Dick Whittington
1948	The Sleeping Beauty	1991	Aladdin
1949	Jack and the Beanstalk	1992	Cinderella
1950	Dick Whittington	1993	Babes in the Wood
1951	Cinderella	1994	Snow White and the 7 Dwarfs
1952	Robinson Crusoe	1995	Hickory Dickory Dock
1953	Mother Goose	1996	Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves
1954	Aladdin	1997	Robinson Crusoe
1955	Babes in the Wood	1998	Jack and the Beanstalk
1956	Puss in Boots	1999	Dick Whittington
1957	Red Riding Hood	2001	Cinderella
1958	The Tailor of Gloucester	2002	Aladdin
1959	Jack and the Beanstalk	2003	Puss in Boots
1960	Sinbad the Sailor	2004	Humpty Dumpty
1961	Little Bo Peep	2005	Red Riding Hood
1962	Cinderella	2006	Pied Piper of Hamelin
1963	Mother Goose	2007	Sleeping Beauty
1964	Goody Two-Shoes	2008	Dick Whittington
1965	Aladdin	2009	Jack and the Beanstalk
1966	Old King Cole	2010	Princess Crystal's Magical Dream
1967	Hansel and Gretel	2011	Robin Hood
1968	Goldilocks and the Three Bears	2012	Cinderella
1969	Queen of Hearts	2013	Robinson Crusoe
1970	Robinson Crusoe	2014	Aladdin
1971	Puss in Boots	2015	Snow White
1972	Mother Hubbard	2016	Three Musketeers
1973	Dick Whittington	2017	Jack and the Beanstalk
1974	Aladdin	2018	Red Riding Hood
1975	Snow White	2019	Cinderella
1976	Humpty Dumpty	2020	Sinbad the Sailor
1977	Pinochio	2021	No Show - Covid-19 Pandemic
1978	Cinderella	2022	Goldilocks and the Three Bears
1979	Hansel and Gretel	2023	Hansel & Gretel
1980	Sinbad the Sailor	2024	Dick Whittington
1981	Sleeping Beauty	2025	Robin Hood



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